



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Docket No: 29756/37996D

**CONTINUING APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is a request under 37 CFR 1.53 for filing a

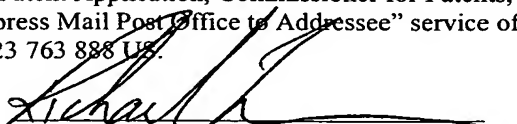
- ☐ continuation application.  
☒ divisional application.

**1. Particulars of Prior Application**

Application Serial No: 10/315,551  
Filed on: December 10, 2002  
Title (As Amended): Modular Product Dispenser Unit and System  
Art Unit: 3727  
Examiner: Joseph Man Moy

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10**

I hereby certify that this Continued Prosecution Application Request Transmittal Under 37 CFR 1.53(b) and the documents referred to as enclosed therewith are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on **March 26, 2004**, in an envelope addressed to the Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 utilizing the "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service of the United States Postal Service under Mailing Label No. EL 323 763 888 US.

  
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**2. This request is filed by:**

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☐ This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. An accompanying statement requests deletion of the name(s) of the person(s) who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application.

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**3. Amendments**

- ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
This is a divisional of U.S. application Serial No. 10/315,551, filed December 10, 2002.
- ☐ Cancel claims \_\_\_\_\_ in the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
- ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- ☒ The filing fee is based upon entry of the foregoing amendment(s) (if any).

**4. Copy of Prior Application**

The enclosed is a copy of the prior complete application, including the specification (with claims), drawings, the oath or declaration, and any amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application.

**5. Incorporation By Reference**

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under paragraph 4, above, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

**6. Priority**

- ☐ Priority of application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 USC 119.
- ☐ The certified copy(ies) was(were) filed in prior U.S. application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ The certified copy(ies) has(have) not been filed.

**7. Assignment**

- ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Rubbermaid Commercial Products LLC, and has been recorded at Reel No. 013927, Frame No. 0445.

**8. Small Entity Status**

- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ A small entity statement is(are) attached.

**9. Application to Be Published**

- ☒ Yes.
- ☐ No. A Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. §122(b)(2)(B)(i) is attached.

**10. Fee Calculation**

CLAIMS AS FILED - INCLUDING AMENDMENT(S) (IF ANY)						
			SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE				\$375.00		\$770.00
TOTAL	22 - 20	2	X 9 =	\$0.00	X 18 =	\$36.00
INDEP.	2 - 3	= 0	X 42 =	\$0.00	X 84 =	\$0.00
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim			+ 140 =	\$0.00	+ 280 =	\$0.00
Filing Fee:				\$0.00	OR	\$806.00

**11. Method of Payment of Fees**

- ☒ Attached is a check in the amount of: \$806.00
- ☐ Charge Deposit Account No. 13-2855 in the amount of: \$  
A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed.

**12. Deposit Account and Refund Authorization**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the amount enclosed or any additional fees which may be required during the pendency of this application under 37 CFR 1.16 or 37 CFR 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 13-2855. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed.

Please refund any overpayment to Marshall, Gerstein & Borun LLP at the address below.

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